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## Amendments to the Claims

- Claim 1 (currently amended): A <u>computer-implemented</u> method for indicating criteria for organizing electronic objects, comprising steps of:
  - detecting, by a user input monitor, that a user has swiped across an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object;

comparing a manner in which the swiping was performed, responsive to the detecting, to previously-defined settings that specify what manner of swiping indicates an identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria; and

storing, if the comparing step determines that the manner in which the swiping was performed is consistent with the specified settings, the swiped-across element in a repository of criteria, from which such that the stored element can subsequently be selected for inclusion in a pattern to be matched against electronic objects for programmatically organizing the electronic objects.

- Claim 2 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step

  of enabling the user to configure the defined settings.
- Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detected swiping

further comprises repeatedly swiping across a word, a phrase, or one or more contiguous

- 3 characters in the rendered representation, and wherein the storing step stores the swiped-across
- word, phrase, or one or more contiguous characters as the stored element.

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1	Claim 4 (previously presented):	The method according to Claim 3	, wherein the word, the phrase,
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- or the characters is/are rendered from a text document. 2
- Claim 5 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase, 1
- or the characters is/are rendered from an e-mail message. 2
- Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to Claim [[2]] 1, wherein: 1
- the detected swiping further comprises swiping across a portion of an image in the 2
- rendered representation; and 3
- the storing step stores the swiped-across image portion as the element; and further 4
- 5 comprising the steps of:
- including the stored image portion in a particular pattern to be matched against electronic 6
- 7 objects; and
- using the particular pattern for programmatically organizing the electronic objects, further 8
- comprising the steps of: 9
- evaluating content of each of the electronic objects with respect to the particular 10
- 11 pattern; and
- including each of the compared objects in a category to which the particular 12
- pattern corresponds if the evaluating step determines that the content matches the particular 13
- 14 pattern, including the image portion included therein.

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- Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to Claim [[2]] 1, wherein the detected
- 2 swiping further comprises swiping across one or more words, phrases, or characters in the
- 3 rendered representation as the element.
- Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detected swiping
- 2 further comprises swiping across a portion of one or more images in the rendered representation
- 3 as the element.

## Claim 9 (canceled)

- Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of
- 2 building one or more rules, each rule specifying a pattern that comprises at least one organizing
- 3 criteria to be matched against electronic objects for programmatically organizing the electronic
- objects, wherein the stored element is used as one of the organizing criteria in at least one of the
- 5 rules.
- Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step
- 2 further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element by moving a mouse device
- 3 across the element at least twice.

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- Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step
- 2 further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element by moving a light pen device
- 3 across the element at least twice.
- 1 Claim 13 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step
- 2 further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element by moving his or her finger at
- 3 least twice across the element, wherein the element is rendered on a plasma panel device.
- Claim 14 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step
- 2 further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element using an audio mechanism by
- 3 speaking commands in the manner specified in the previously-defined settings.
- Claim 15 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step
- 2 further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element using a video mechanism by
- 3 passing his or her eyes repeatedly over the element.
- Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the settings specify
- 2 that the element of the rendered representation must be swiped across multiple times to indicate
- 3 the identification.
- 1 Claim 17 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the storing step
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2	further comprises adding the swiped-across element to organizing criteria of an index, such that
3	thereby causing the index thereby becomes to become adaptive to the user swipings.
1	Claim 18 (currently amended): A system for indicating criteria for organizing electronic objects,
2	comprising:
3	a processor:
4	means for detecting, by a user input monitor of the processor, that a user has swiped
5	across an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object;
6	means for comparing, by the processor, a manner in which the swiping was performed,
7	responsive to the means for detecting, to previously-defined settings that specify what manner of
8	swiping indicates an identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria;
9	means for storing, if the means for comparing determines that the manner in which the
LO	swiping was performed is consistent with the specified settings, the swiped element in a
11	repository of criteria usable by the processor for programmatically organizing electronic objects;
12	and
13	means for enabling [[using]] the stored element to be subsequently selected as an
14	organizing criterion for use in a rule, such that wherein the rule can subsequently be used for
15	programmatically organizing the electronic objects.
1	Claim 19 (currently amended): A computer program product for indicating criteria for

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organizing electronic objects, the computer program product embodied on one or more

3	computer-readable media and comprising code that, when executed on a computer, causes the
4	computer to:
5	computer-readable program code means for detecting detect, by a user input monitor, that
6	a user has swiped across an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object;
7	computer-readable program code means for comparing compare a manner in which the
8	swiping was performed, responsive to the computer-readable program code means for detecting
9	detection, to previously-defined settings that specify what manner of swiping indicates an
10	identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria;
11	computer-readable program code means for storing store, if the computer-readable
12	program code means for comparing comparison determines that the manner in which the swiping
13	was performed is consistent with the specified settings, the swiped element in a repository of
14	criteria usable for programmatically organizing electronic objects; and
15	computer-readable program code means for using enable the stored element to be used as
16	an organizing criterion in a rule, such that wherein the rule can subsequently be used for
17	programmatically organizing the electronic objects.

Claim 20 (canceled)